

REMARKS

In the above-noted Official Action, the drawings were objected-to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Claims 1-5 and 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over VOLTZ (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,523). Claims 2, 3 and 10 were objected-to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending, in due course.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-10 will each have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 11-18 will have been added for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants traverse the objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). In this regard, Applicants submit that each of the features recited in the pending claims is clearly supported in the Figures corresponding to at least one exemplary embodiment of the present application as shown in Figure 1. In particular, the exemplary embodiment of the present invention shown in Fig. 1 of the present application includes a “video output section” 101; a “video output section” 102; a “video output changeover control section” 108; a “reset signal generation section” 110; and a “timing change section” 111. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the drawings has been

rendered moot by the herein-contained new claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

Applicants traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In this regard, Applicants have drafted claims 11-17 to ensure that an antecedent basis has been provided for each feature recited therein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In this regard, Applicants note that claim 2 was indicated to be allowable, if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Newly added independent claim 11 recites a combination of features similar to the combination of features previously recited in claim 2. However, Applicants particularly note that the features of turning “on power to said target video output source” and turning “off the power to said video output source to be changed” are not included in the features recited in independent claim 11. Rather, these features are now recited in new dependent claim 12. Nevertheless, Applicants submit that the combination of features recited in independent claim 11 are not disclosed, suggested or rendered obvious by the reference applied in the Official Action. In this regard, Applicants particularly note that the Examiner has already indicated in a Statement of Reasons for Allowance that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a combination of features similar to the combination of features recited in claim 11.

Applicants further note that claim 10 was indicated to be allowable, if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any

intervening claims. Newly added claim 17 recites a combination of features similar to the combination of features previously recited in claim 10. However, Applicants particularly note that the feature of “turning on power to a changeover target signal source” and “turning off the power to the signal source to be changed” are not included in the features recited in independent claim 17. Rather, these features are now recited in new dependent claim 18. Nevertheless, Applicants submit that the combination of features recited in independent claim 17 are not disclosed, suggested or rendered obvious by the reference applied in the Official Action. In this regard, Applicants particularly note that the Examiner has already indicated in a Statement of Reasons for Allowance that the prior art does not disclose or suggest a combination of features similar to the combination of features recited in claim 17.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that each of independent claims 11 and 17 are allowable, at least for the reasons set forth above. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 12-16 are allowable, at least for depending, directly or indirectly, from an allowable independent claim, as well as for additional reasons related to their own recitations.

Accordingly, for all of the reasons noted above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over VOLTZ. Applicants further request entry of claims 11-17, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Additionally, in response to the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter at page 6 of the above-noted Official Action, Applicants wish to

clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

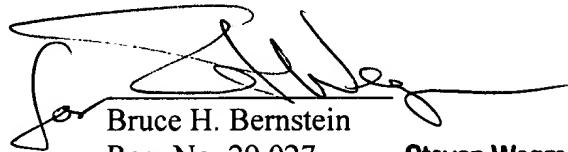
In view of the fact that none of the art of record, discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by the claims, and in further view of the above remarks and new claims, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested and is believed to be appropriate.

Any new claims which have been presented in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been presented for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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